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| Application Number | 10/678,170 |
| Filing Date | October 6, 2003 |
| Inventor(s) | David Joseph KROPACZEK et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2123 |
| Examiner Name | Eduardo Garcia Otero |
| Attorney Docket Number | 24GA-6001 |
| HDP Reference | 8564-000042/US |

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

☐ Fee Transmittal Form

☐ Fee Attached

☒ Amendment

☐ After Final

☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

☐ Extension of Time Request

☐ Express Abandonment Request

☐ Information Disclosure Statement

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

☐ Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application

☐ Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

☐ Assignment Papers (for an Application)

☐ Letter to the Official Draftsperson and _____ Sheets of Formal Drawing(s)

☐ Licensing-related Papers

☐ Petition

☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application

☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address

☐ Terminal Disclaimer

☐ Request for Refund

☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____

☐ After Allowance Communication to Group

☐ LETTER SUBMITTING APPEAL BRIEF AND APPEAL BRIEF (w/clean version of pending claims)

☐ Appeal Communication to Group (Notice of Appeal, Brief, Reply Brief)

☐ Proprietary Information

☐ Status Letter

☐ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):

Remarks

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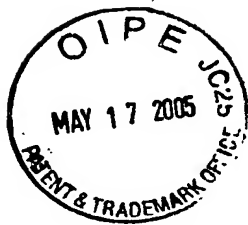
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/678,170
Filing Date: October 6, 2003
Applicant: David Joseph KROPACZEK
Group Art Unit: 2123
Examiner: Eduardo Garcia Otero
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING
RECOVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM A FUEL
POOL
Attorney Docket: 24GA-6001

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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks being on page 10 of this Amendment.